

Amendments to the Specification:

Please insert the following new paragraph title and paragraph immediately preceding the paragraph title "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" on page 1:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application serial no. 09/938,789, filed August 21, 2001.

Please replace paragraph [0118] with the following amended paragraph:

[0118] It should also be apparent that the embodiments and applications of the invention described herein can be used alone or in conjunction with other routing methods. As just one example, once traces have been routed in accordance with the instant invention, the traces may be adjusted or optimized as disclosed in U.S. patent application serial no.

[_____] 09/938,895, with an attorney docket number P157-US, entitled "Process And Apparatus For Adjusting Traces," and filed concurrently with the instant application, which application is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.